

**To:** Williams, Laura[williams.laura@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ostrander, David  
**Sent:** Sun 9/13/2015 1:01:37 AM  
**Subject:** Re: questions about acid mine sludge affecting smaller waterways

Works for me

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2015, at 6:42 PM, Williams, Laura <[williams.laura@epa.gov](mailto:williams.laura@epa.gov)> wrote:

The sediment is suitable for disposal at a solid waste landfill. - lw

**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2015 1:48 PM  
**To:** Williams, Laura; Foster, Althea; Gray, David  
**Subject:** FW: questions about acid mine sludge affecting smaller waterways

ICs .. please see followup questions below. Thanks ng

**From:** Jessica Pace [<mailto:jpace@DurangoHerald.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2015 3:40 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Cc:** Gray, David; Germann, Sandy; EOC Public Information  
**Subject:** RE: questions about acid mine sludge affecting smaller waterways

Thanks. What should people do if they've dug sediment out of their ponds and ditches? How do they get rid of it properly?

*Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID*

On Sep 12, 2015 12:46 PM, "Grantham, Nancy" <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Jessica,

Please see answers to your questions below.

Thanks

Nancy Grantham

**From:** Jessica Pace [<mailto:jpace@DurangoHerald.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2015 3:12 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Subject:** questions about acid mine sludge affecting smaller waterways

Hi Nancy,

I just left you a voicemail but wanted to follow up by email.

I have a few questions about Gold King sludge running in smaller lateral ditches or ponds on residential properties, and what the protocol is for removing it.

You can reach me at Personal Phone/Ex. 6 or you can see my questions below. Thank you!

Jessica Pace

Are you receiving a lot of calls from people in La Plata County, or not just in La Plata, but in general, from homeowners who have sediment in their small waterways and want to know how to dispose of it, and if their water is safe for their gardens, etc? Does the EPA dispose of the sludge, or is that up to those homeowners? How do they dispose of it?

**EPA has received approximately 10 requests from LaPlata County property owners to sample sediment on their property. Data will be released to homeowners. EPA is currently evaluating sediment sample results to make determinations on further actions.**

Is it the homeowner's responsibility to call in if they have concerns, or did the EPA check in on everyone?

Do you respond to each call? What is the protocol for that?

**EPA receives citizen inquiries through the Gold King Mine call in center and follows up on each inquiry.**